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NOVEMBER 27, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

KURDS INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FORCES:
DURING THE PAST WEEK, THE KURDS HAVE INTENSIFIED GUERRILLA
ATTACKS AGAINST IRAQI GOVERNMENT FORCES. ALTHOUGH THERE
HAS BEEN AN ABSENCE OF MAJOR BATTLES, LOCALIZED CLASHES
HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD AND VIOLENT. KURDISH TROOPS HAVE
RELIED UPON ARTILLERY SHELLING, LAND MINES, AND SMALL ARMS
ATTACKS TO HARASS THE ENEMY, INTERDICT SUPPLY LINES, AND
DEMORALIZE THE IRAQI FORCES. THIS TYPE ACTIVITY HAS
CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND
EQUIPMENT AND HAS PROVIDED THE KURDS WITH RENEWED STOCKS
OF CAPTURED ENEMY ARMS. ALTHOUGH IRAQI AIR ACTIVITY
HAS CONTINUED, REPORTS INDICATE THAT DETERIORATING WEATHER
IS FORCING THE AIR FORCE TO DECREASE ITS LEVEL OF SUPPORT.

IRAQI MILITARY CIRCLES CONTINUE TO CRITICIZE THE CONDUCT
OF THE WAR, THE SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION, AND THE BAATHIST
REGIME'S ISSUANCE OF MILITARY ORDERS WHICH THE ARMY CAN-
NOT IMPLEMENT. DISSATISFACTION AMONG MILITARY PERSONNEL
HAS RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF DESERTIONS AND INSTANCES OF
INSUBORDINATION, WITH MORE PREDICTED AS A RESULT OF EX-
PECTED WINTER GUERRILLA ACTIVITY.

MEXICO SEVERS RELATIONS WITH CHILE: MEXICO HAS BROKEN
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF
CHILE, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT. "WE
HAVE DECIDED TO END OUR RELATIONS WITH CHILE," A MINISTRY
SPOKESMAN SAID. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD
COOLED SINCE THE CHILEAN MILITARY COUP THAT OVERTHREW

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